

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-22 Cancelled

23. (Currently Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues, said ~~track~~ rack comprising:

a billiard ball holder comprising an upper end and a lower end;

a first rack portion for releasably retaining billiard cues;

a second rack portion configured to receive said lower end of said billiard ball holder for  
~~releasably attaching a billiard ball holder;~~

~~a billiard ball holder releasably attached to said second rack portion;~~

said billiard ball holder having an elongated body defining an elongated central space,  
said elongated central space being configured to ~~closely~~ retain a plurality of billiard balls, said  
elongated body having an opening at ~~one~~ said upper end which permits billiard balls to pass  
therethrough to said elongated central space.

24. (Currently Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim  
23 wherein:

~~said billiard ball holder is attached to~~ said second rack portion is configured to retain said billiard ball holder in a generally upright position, ~~whereby said end having said opening defines an upper end of said ball holder.~~

25. (Previously Presented) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

said ball holder includes an elongated slot providing visual access to said elongated central space such that a user can determine whether or not billiard balls are present in said ball holder.

26. (Currently Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

said first rack portion is configured to ~~includes a lower portion and an upper portion;~~  
~~said lower portion having at least one lower opening configured to receive a first end of a billiard cue; and~~

~~said upper portion including at least one opening in registry with said lower opening to receive and~~ retain a tip portion of a billiard cue and support the billiard cue in a generally upright position.

27. (Currently Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein said elongated central space defines a substantially cylindrically elongated central space ~~having a diameter configured to closely retain a plurality of billiard balls.~~

28. (New) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues, the rack comprising:  
a billiard ball holder comprising an upper end and a lower end;  
a first rack portion configured to receive the lower end of the billiard ball holder; and  
a second rack portion comprising:  
a plurality of first openings configured to receive upper ends of a plurality of  
billiard cues; and  
a second opening configured to receive the upper end of the billiard ball holder.
29. (New) The rack of Claim 28, wherein the plurality of first openings and the second opening in the second rack portion are in a same plane.
30. (New) The rack of Claim 28, wherein the plurality of first openings in the second rack portion are arranged in a line.
31. (New) The rack of Claim 28, wherein the billiard ball holder comprises an opening sized to receive a billiard ball with a diameter of at least about 2.25 inches.
32. (New) The rack of Claim 28, wherein the billiard ball holder comprises a length that is more than one half a length of a billiard cue stored in the rack.
33. (New) The rack of Claim 28, wherein the plurality of first openings comprise generally circular holes.

34. (New) The rack of Claim 28, wherein the plurality of first openings comprise U-shaped slots.

35. (New) The rack of Claim 28 further comprising a top portion configured to conceal the upper ends of the plurality of billiard cues stored in the rack.